

PATENT**B. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the section entitled CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION, as follows:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is related to the following co-pending U.S. Patent Application filed on the same day as the present application and having the same inventor and assignee: "System and Method for Managing Information Exchange Using Strip Information Elements," (Application No. 09/918,563) ~~(Docket No. AUS9-2001-0562-US1)~~ by Barillaud and assigned to the IBM Corporation.

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